GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIR SERVICES TO UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of proposed and sanctioned schemes for the development and expansion of air services in Uttar Pradeshfrom 1995-96 to 2000-2001, year-wise;

(b) the reasons of non-completion of sanctioned schemes in time and its financial implications; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken by the Government for speedy completion of sanctioned schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a):- Airlines plan their air services based on their commercial/operational viability and they are also guided by the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. During the last three years following new services were started by different airlines to/from Uttar Pradesh:

- In 1995, Indian Airlines was operating services on Delhi-Agra- Khajuraho- Varanasi, Delhi- Lucknow- Patna- Kolkata,Delhi-Lucknow- Delhi, Delhi- Varanasi- Bhubaneswar- Delhi,Mumbai- Varanasi- Lucknow- Mumbai, and Varanasi- Kathmandu- Varanasi sectors. Services were also introduced as Delhi- Lucknow- Patna- Ranchi- Kolkata sector.

- In 1996, Indian Airlines started services on Delhi- Varanasi- Delhi.

- In 1997, Indian Airlines had operated services on Delhi- Khajuraho- Varanasi- Delhi and Varanasi- Khajuraho -Agra sectors. In the same year, Sahara Airlines started operations on Patna- Lucknow sectors and Jet Airways on Delhi- Lucknow- Delhi sector.

- Indian Airlines started a service on Mumbai - Varanasi route in 1998. In the same year, Jet Airways started three new services on Delhi- Varanasi- Delhi, Varanasi- Khajuraho- Varanasi and Mumbai- Lucknow- Mumbai routes.

- Indian Airlines introduced two new services on Mumbai- Lucknow and Lucknow- Varanasi routes and Sahara Airlines on Lucknow-Patna and Varanasi- Kolkata- Varanasi routes in 1999.

- In 2000, Indian Airlines started its service between Goa and Agra.

(b) and (c):- The works sanctioned during 1995-96 relating to expansion of terminal building and extension of apron and construction of link taxiway at a cost of Rs. 14.02 crores was completed in August, 1998 at Agra Airport. The works sanctioned during 1996-97 relating to resurfacing of taxi-track and extension of apron and construction of isolation bay at a cost of Rs. 11.81 crores is nearing completion at Lucknow Airport. The extension of runway including acquisition of land and associated works taken up during 2000-2001 at a cost of Rs. 32 crores are in progress and are likely to be completed in March, 2003 at Lucknowairport. The work for construction of technical block cum control tower during 2000-2001 at a cost of Rs. 5 crores has been proposed at Lucknow airport. The work relating to special repair to turning pad at Varanasi airport taken up in 1999-2000 at a cost of Rs. 2.72 crores was completed in June, 2001. The tender action is at hand for the proposed extension and modification of terminal building during 2000-2001 at Varanasi airport at a cost of Rs. 45 crores.